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author conceived the idea of writing the book about eight years ago, while engaged in prosecuting a series of important cases arising out of the same transaction and involving this subject matter.

It will be observed that the scope of the work is very narrow, both as to subject-matter and territory; but it seems to have been very carefully written, and could not fail to be of great assistance to any one prosecuting creditors' bills in the Michigan courts. The citations seem to be quite complete, as the number of cases cited exceeds eleven hundred, though quite a number of decisions by Federal courts and courts of other states on general questions are cited. On a testing of the citations here and there through the book for error in reference or pertinence to the matter under discussion, no errors were found. As the writer was addressing only the lawyers of Michigan, he assumed that all his readers would have access to the official reports, and, therefore made no reference to the reporters or the *Detroit Legal News*. Reference is occasionally made to *Am. St. Rep.* and *L. R. A.*, probably because of the notes to be found there. The list of topics treated follows: Creditors' Bills, Bills in Aid of Execution, Bills by Personal Representatives of Deceased Persons for Benefit of Creditors, Bills by Creditors of Corporations, Equity Jurisdiction in Michigan under National Bankruptcy Law. These topics occupy the first 104 pages. The rest of the text, 186 pages, is devoted to questions of pleading and practice: Parties to Bills (in general) and then separate chapters as to the essentials of several bills above named; Demurrers, Pleas, Answers, Answers in Nature of Cross-Bills, Decrees, Provisional Remedies by Injunction and Receivership.

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TRUE STORIES OF CRIME from the District Attorney's Office. By Arthur Train.
New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1908, pp. 406.

One Browne, a lawyer and a clever criminal, alleged that his conviction for forgery was due to the misguided enthusiasm of the prosecutor, the author of this volume, whom he characterized as a "novelist" and dreamer. The thirteen stories contained in this book are not, however, dream tales, though they are as interesting as any novels. They demonstrate clearly that fact may be stranger than fiction. The stories are exceedingly well told and give the facts of several well known cases in such a way that it is not easy to lay the book aside when one has taken it up.

The criminal careers of several lawyers—Patrick, Hummel, Browne—are admirably depicted, without, apparently, any departures from the truth, and yet in a style that places the stories far above the average tale of crime.

The volume affords excellent vacation reading.

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